for undertaking the activities from local authorities etc. At the end of the year 1998-99, there were 1695 applications pending which have already been disposed of by the banks. During 1999-2000 (As of December 1999) there were 1576 applications pending with various banks. Disposal of applications is however, a continuous process and the applications pending at the end of particular year are considered in next financial year.

Custom duty exemption for equipments of power projects in Andhra Pradesh

5391. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has requested to consider total custom duty exemption for power equipment of all categories of power projects; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir, The Government are not aware of any recent proposal of this nature.

(b) In view of (a) above, does not arise.

Finalisation of report on infrastructure by NCAER

5392. SHRI V.P. DURAISAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) has finalized its report regarding infrastructure and related issues; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) The NCAER is currently not preparing any report on infrastructure.

(b) Does not arise.